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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2002, please amend the above application as follows:

In the Claims:

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Please amend claims 17 and 18 by substituting the numeral - - 16 - - for the numeral "10" in line 1 of each claim. Rewritten claims are set forth below. Marked copies of the claims showing the changes are attached.

17 (amended). A biodegradable plant shell according to claim 16 wherein the components are present in the following percentages by volume:

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southern pine bark and/or rice hulls: 50 to 100%  
peat moss: 0 to 30%  
manure: 0 to 30%  
top soil: 0 to 30%